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For: Method of Obtaining Compositions Comprising Y4
Specific Compounds

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 15, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the July 15, 2003 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 15, 2003 Office Action was originally due Friday, August 15, 2003. As verified by an August 18, 2003 telephone conference between Ms. Amy Hamilton, a legal assistant in the undersigned attorney's office, and the United States Post Office, Times Square Station, zip code 10036, there was a postal service interruption beginning during the afternoon of Thursday, August 14, 2003 and continuing throughout the day on Friday, August 15, 2003. In view of this disruption of postal service within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §21(a) and 37 C.F.R.

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